

Modeling and Control of Quantum Systems

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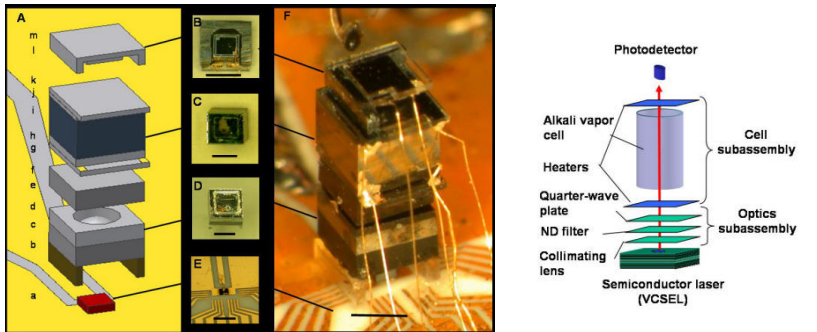
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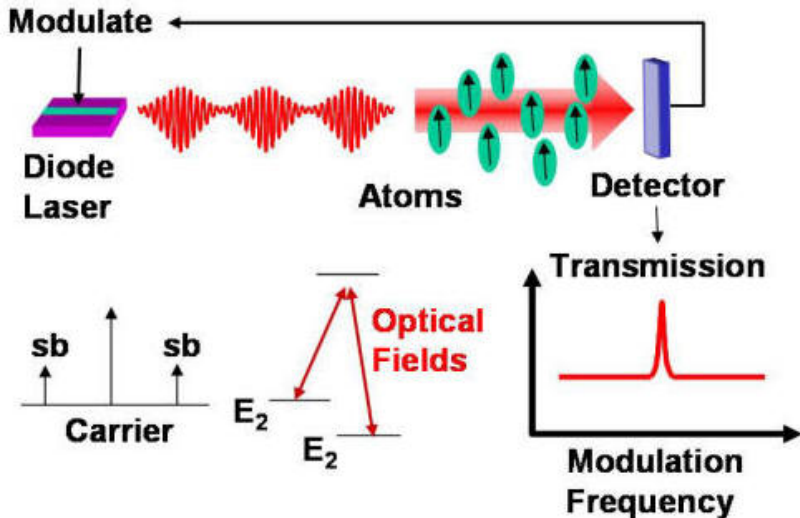
The NIST MicroClock¹



- Quartz crystal clocks: 1 second over few days.
- NIST chip-scale atomic clock: 1 second over 300 years
- High-Perf. atomic clocks: 1 second over 100 million years.

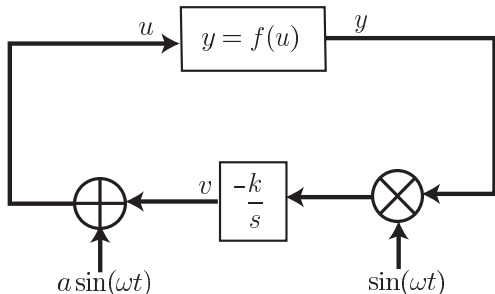
¹NIST: National Institute of Standards and Technology, web-site:

The principle: Coherent Population Trapping²



²From the web-site: <http://tf.nist.gov/timefreq/index.html>

The synchronization via extremum seeking



Here $u = \omega_{diode}$ and $y = f(\omega_{diode})$ where f admits a sharp maximum at the unknown value $\bar{u} = \omega_{atom}$. $s = \frac{d}{dt}$, constant parameters (k, a, ω).

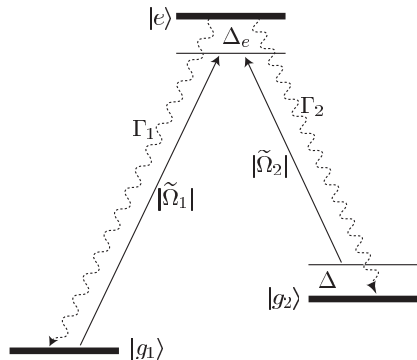
Extremum seeking via feedback: $u(t) = v(t) + a \sin(\omega t)$ where $v(t) \approx \omega_{atom}$ is adjusted via a **dynamic time-varying output feedback** (with $\omega, a, \sqrt{k} \ll \omega_{atom}$):

$$\frac{d}{dt} v(t) = -k \sin(\omega t) \overbrace{f\left(\underbrace{v(t) + a \sin(\omega t)}_u\right)}^y$$

This lecture describes a real-time synchronization scheme **when the atomic cloud is replaced by a single atom**³.

³M-R, SIAM J. Control and Optimization, 2009.

The system and its synchronization scheme



Input: $\tilde{\Omega}_1, \tilde{\Omega}_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ and $u = \frac{d}{dt}\Delta$. **Output:** photo-detector click times corresponding to stochastic jumps from $|e\rangle$ to $|g_1\rangle$ or $|g_2\rangle$.

Synchronization goal: stabilize the unknown detuning Δ to 0.

Two time-scales:

$$|\tilde{\Omega}_1|, |\tilde{\Omega}_2|, |\Delta_e|, |\Delta| \ll \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2$$

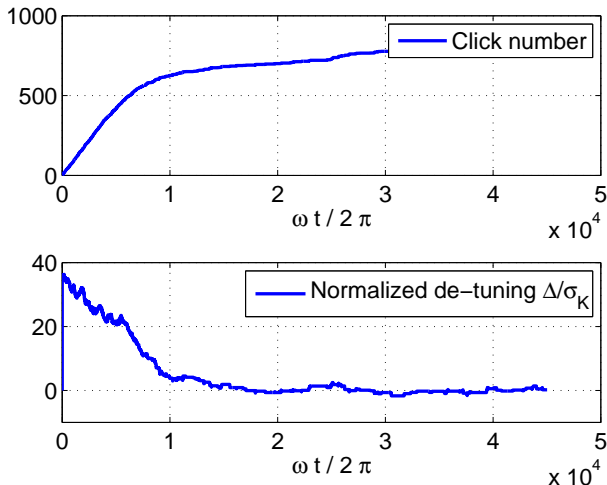
Modulation of Rabi complex amplitudes $\tilde{\Omega}_1$ and $\tilde{\Omega}_2$:

$$\tilde{\Omega}_1(t) = \Omega_1 - i\epsilon\Omega_2 \cos(\omega t), \quad \tilde{\Omega}_2(t) = i\epsilon\Omega_1 \cos(\omega t) + \Omega_2,$$

with $\Omega_1, \Omega_2 > 0$ constant, $\omega \ll \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2$ and $0 < \epsilon \ll 1$.

Detuning update $\Delta_{N+1} = \Delta_N - K \frac{2\Omega_1\Omega_2}{\Omega_1^2 + \Omega_2^2} \cos(\omega t_N)$

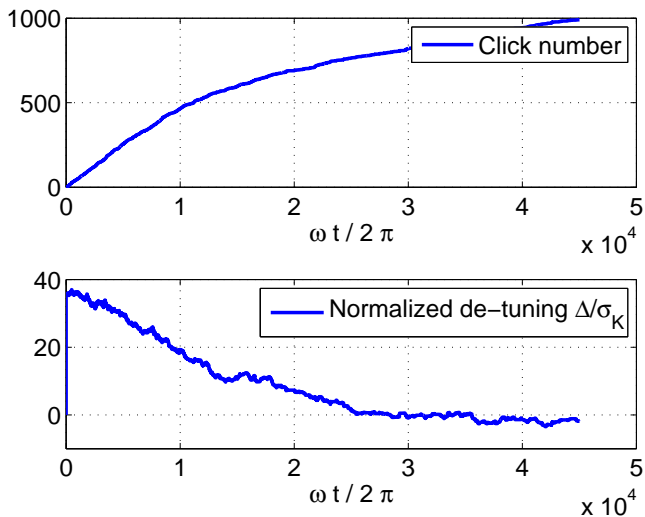
at each detected jump-time t_N . The gain $K > 0$ fixes the standard deviation $\sigma_K: \frac{16}{3}\sigma_K^2 = \epsilon K \frac{\Omega_1^2 + \Omega_2^2}{\Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2}$.



Λ -system parameters: $\Gamma_1 = \Gamma_2 = 10$, $\Delta_e = 2.0$

Modulation parameters: $\Omega_1 = \Omega_2 = 1.0$, $\omega = 2.8$, $\epsilon = 0.14$

Feedback gain $K = 0.0023$ leading to a standard deviation $\sigma_K = 0.0057$



Detector efficiency of 50%, wrong jump detection of 50%,
 feedback-loop delay of τ with $\omega\tau = \pi/4$.

Master equation of the Λ -system

$$\frac{d}{dt}\rho = -i[\tilde{H}, \rho] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^2 (2Q_j\rho Q_j^\dagger - Q_j^\dagger Q_j\rho - \rho Q_j^\dagger Q_j),$$

with jump operators $Q_j = \sqrt{\Gamma_j} |g_j\rangle \langle e|$ and Hamiltonian

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{H} = & \frac{\Delta}{2} (|g_2\rangle \langle g_2| - |g_1\rangle \langle g_1|) + \left(\Delta_e + \frac{\Delta}{2} \right) (|g_1\rangle \langle g_1| + |g_2\rangle \langle g_2|) \\ & + \tilde{\Omega}_1 |g_1\rangle \langle e| + \tilde{\Omega}_1^* |e\rangle \langle g_1| + \tilde{\Omega}_2 |g_2\rangle \langle e| + \tilde{\Omega}_2^* |e\rangle \langle g_2|. \end{aligned}$$

Since $|\tilde{\Omega}_1|, |\tilde{\Omega}_2|, |\Delta_e|, |\Delta| \ll \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2$ we have **two time-scales**: a **fast exponential decay for " $|e\rangle$ "** and a **slow evolution for " $(|g_1\rangle, |g_2\rangle)$ "**.

Geometric reduction via center manifold techniques⁴ leads to a **reduced master equation** that is still of Lindblad type with a **slow Hamiltonian** H and **slow jump operators** L_j :

$$\frac{d}{dt}\rho = -i[H, \rho] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^2 (2L_j\rho L_j^\dagger - L_j^\dagger L_j\rho - \rho L_j^\dagger L_j),$$

with $H = \frac{\Delta}{2}\sigma_z = \frac{\Delta(|g_2\rangle\langle g_2| - |g_1\rangle\langle g_1|)}{2}$ and $L_j = \sqrt{\tilde{\gamma}_j} |g_j\rangle \langle b_{\tilde{\Omega}}|$ and where $\tilde{\gamma}_j = 4 \frac{|\tilde{\Omega}_1|^2 + |\tilde{\Omega}_2|^2}{(\Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2)^2} \Gamma_j$ and $|b_{\tilde{\Omega}}\rangle$ is the **bright state**:

$$|b_{\tilde{\Omega}}\rangle = \frac{\tilde{\Omega}_1}{\sqrt{|\tilde{\Omega}_1|^2 + |\tilde{\Omega}_2|^2}} |g_1\rangle + \frac{\tilde{\Omega}_2}{\sqrt{|\tilde{\Omega}_1|^2 + |\tilde{\Omega}_2|^2}} |g_2\rangle$$

For $\Delta = 0$, ρ converges towards the **dark state** $|d_{\tilde{\Omega}}\rangle \langle d_{\tilde{\Omega}}|$:

$$|d_{\tilde{\Omega}}\rangle = -\frac{\tilde{\Omega}_2^*}{\sqrt{|\tilde{\Omega}_1|^2 + |\tilde{\Omega}_2|^2}} |g_1\rangle + \frac{\tilde{\Omega}_1^*}{\sqrt{|\tilde{\Omega}_1|^2 + |\tilde{\Omega}_2|^2}} |g_2\rangle.$$

The reduced density matrix ρ obeys to

$$d\rho = -i\frac{\Delta}{2}[\sigma_z, \rho] dt + (\tilde{\gamma} \langle b_{\tilde{\Omega}} | \rho | b_{\tilde{\Omega}} \rangle \rho) dt \\ - \frac{\tilde{\gamma}}{2} (\rho | b_{\tilde{\Omega}} \rangle \langle b_{\tilde{\Omega}} | + | b_{\tilde{\Omega}} \rangle \langle b_{\tilde{\Omega}} | \rho) dt \\ + (|g_1\rangle \langle g_1| - \rho) dN_t^1 + (|g_2\rangle \langle g_2| - \rho) dN_t^2$$

$$d\Delta = K \frac{2\Omega_1\Omega_2}{\Omega_1^2 + \Omega_2^2} \cos(\omega t) (dN_t^1 + dN_t^2) + \text{saturation at } \pm \frac{\gamma}{2}$$

with

$$\mathbb{E} \left(dN_t^1 \right) = \tilde{\gamma}_1 \text{Tr} (|b_{\tilde{\Omega}}\rangle \langle b_{\tilde{\Omega}}| \rho) dt,$$

$$\mathbb{E} \left(dN_t^2 \right) = \tilde{\gamma}_2 \text{Tr} (|b_{\tilde{\Omega}}\rangle \langle b_{\tilde{\Omega}}| \rho) dt$$

and $\tilde{\Omega}_1(t) = \Omega_1 - \imath\epsilon\Omega_2 \cos(\omega t)$, $\tilde{\Omega}_2(t) = \imath\epsilon\Omega_1 \cos(\omega t) + \Omega_2$

Claim

Take the above stochastic differential system with state ρ and Δ . Assume that the angle $\alpha = \arg(\Omega_1 + i\Omega_2)$ belongs to $]0, \frac{\pi}{2}[$. Then for sufficiently small ϵ and K , for sufficiently large ω ,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}(\Delta_N) = 0,$$

and

$$\limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}(\Delta_N^2) \leq O(\epsilon^2).$$

Corollary

One has

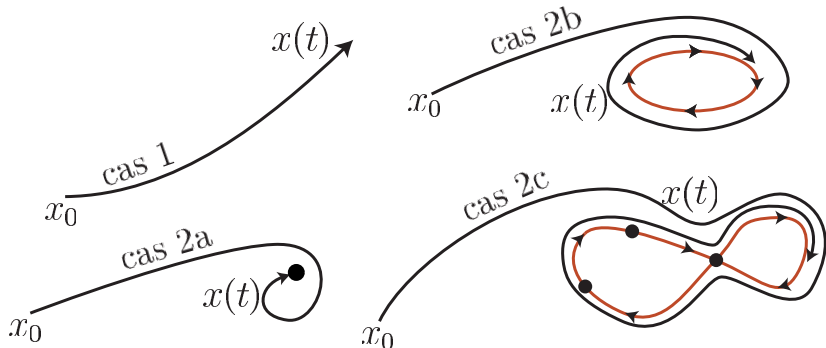
$$\limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(|\Delta_N| > \sqrt{\epsilon}) \leq O(\epsilon).$$

Steps of the convergence analysis

- 1 We start by analyzing the **asymptotic behavior of the no-jump dynamics**. We prove that the trajectories of the no-jump dynamics **converge towards a unique small limit cycle around the dark state** (Poincaré Bendixon theory).
- 2 This gives the **asymptotic probability distribution of the jump times** which will be a **periodic function of time**.
- 3 We will compute the **conditional evolution of the expectation value of the detuning and its square**. We will see that this evolution induces a **contraction** and we have the proof.

Poincaré-Bendixon theory

There are **4 types of asymptotic behaviors** for a trajectory of an ordinary differential system $\frac{d}{dt}x = v(x)$ where x belongs to \mathbb{R}^2 or $\mathbb{S}^2 \sim \mathbb{R}^2 \cup \{\infty\}$.



Take the perturbed system

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \varepsilon f(x, t, \varepsilon)$$

with f smooth T -periodic versus t . Then exists a change of variables

$$x = z + \varepsilon w(z, t)$$

with w smooth and T -periodic versus t , such that

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \varepsilon \bar{f}(z) + \varepsilon^2 f_1(z, t, \varepsilon)$$

where

$$\bar{f}(z) = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(z, t, 0) dt$$

and f_1 smooth and T -periodic versus t

The average system reads: $\frac{d}{dt}z = \varepsilon \bar{f}(z)$.

- if $x(t)$ and $z(t)$ are, respectively, solutions of the perturbed and average systems, with initial conditions x_0 and z_0 such that $\|x_0 - z_0\| = O(\varepsilon)$, then $\|x(t) - z(t)\| = O(\varepsilon)$ on a **time-interval of length of order $1/\varepsilon$** .
- If \bar{z} is **an hyperbolic equilibrium of the average system**, then exists $\bar{\varepsilon} > 0$ such that, for all $\varepsilon \in]0, \bar{\varepsilon}]$, the perturbed system admits a **unique hyperbolic periodic orbit $\gamma_\varepsilon(t)$, close to \bar{z}** , $\gamma_\varepsilon(t) = \bar{z} + O(\varepsilon)$, that could be reduced to a point, with a stability similar to those of \bar{z} ⁵.
- **In particular**, if \bar{z} is asymptotically stable, then γ_ε is also asymptotically stable and the approximation, up to $O(\varepsilon)$, of the trajectories of the perturbed system by those of the average ones is valid for $t \in [0, +\infty[$.

⁵The number of characteristic multipliers of γ_ε with modulus > 1 (resp. < 1) is equal to the number of characteristic exponents of \bar{z} with real part > 0 (resp. < 0).

Quantum trajectories

In the absence of the quantum jumps, ρ evolves on the **Bloch sphere** according to ($\tilde{\gamma} = 4 \frac{|\tilde{\Omega}_1|^2 + |\tilde{\Omega}_2|^2}{\Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2}$)

$$\frac{1}{\tilde{\gamma}} \frac{d}{dt} \rho = -i \frac{\Delta}{2\tilde{\gamma}} [\sigma_z, \rho] - \frac{|b_{\tilde{\Omega}}\rangle \langle b_{\tilde{\Omega}}| \rho + \rho |b_{\tilde{\Omega}}\rangle \langle b_{\tilde{\Omega}}|}{2} + \langle b_{\tilde{\Omega}} | \rho | b_{\tilde{\Omega}} \rangle \rho.$$

At each time step dt , ρ may jump towards the state $|g_1\rangle \langle g_1|$ or $|g_2\rangle \langle g_2|$ with a **jump probability** given by:

$$P_{\text{jump}} dt = (\tilde{\gamma} \langle b_{\tilde{\Omega}} | \rho | b_{\tilde{\Omega}} \rangle) dt$$

Since $\tilde{\Omega}_1(t) = \Omega_1 - \nu\epsilon\Omega_2 \cos(\omega t)$ and $\tilde{\Omega}_2(t) = \nu\epsilon\Omega_1 \cos(\omega t) + \Omega_2$,

$$\tilde{\gamma} |b_{\tilde{\Omega}}\rangle \langle b_{\tilde{\Omega}}| = \gamma (|b\rangle + \nu\epsilon \cos(\omega t) |d\rangle) (\langle b| - \nu\epsilon \cos(\omega t) \langle d|)$$

with $\gamma = 4 \frac{|\Omega_1|^2 + |\Omega_2|^2}{\Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2}$, $|b\rangle = \frac{\Omega_1 |g_1\rangle + \Omega_2 |g_2\rangle}{\sqrt{\Omega_1^2 + \Omega_2^2}}$ and $|d\rangle = \frac{-\Omega_2 |g_1\rangle + \Omega_1 |g_2\rangle}{\sqrt{\Omega_1^2 + \Omega_2^2}}$

With $\beta = 2 \arg(\Omega_1 + i\Omega_2) = 2\alpha$ and

$$\rho = \frac{1 + X(|b\rangle\langle d| + |d\rangle\langle b|) + Y(i|b\rangle\langle d| - i|d\rangle\langle b|) + Z(|d\rangle\langle d| - |b\rangle\langle b|)}{2}.$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}X = -\Delta \cos \beta Y - \gamma \left(\epsilon \cos(\omega t) Y + \frac{1 - \epsilon^2 \cos^2(\omega t)}{2} Z \right) X$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}Y = & \Delta \cos \beta X - \Delta \sin \beta Z + \gamma \epsilon \cos(\omega t) \\ & - \gamma \left(\epsilon \cos(\omega t) Y + \frac{1 - \epsilon^2 \cos^2(\omega t)}{2} Z \right) Y \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}Z = & \Delta \sin \beta Y + \gamma \left(\frac{1 - \epsilon^2 \cos^2(\omega t)}{2} \right) \\ & - \gamma \left(\epsilon \cos(\omega t) Y + \frac{1 - \epsilon^2 \cos^2(\omega t)}{2} Z \right) Z \end{aligned}$$

The **jump probability per unit of time** is

$$P_{jump} = \frac{\gamma}{2} (1 - Z - 2\epsilon \cos(\omega t) Y + \epsilon^2 \cos^2(\omega t) (1 + Z)).$$

Just after a jump (X, Y, Z) is reset to $\pm(\sin \beta, 0, \cos \beta)$.

Convergence of the no-jump dynamics

$$\frac{d}{dt}X = -\Delta \cos \beta Y - \gamma \left(\epsilon \cos(\omega t) Y + \frac{1-\epsilon^2 \cos^2(\omega t)}{2} Z \right) X$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}Y = \Delta \cos \beta X - \Delta \sin \beta Z + \gamma \epsilon \cos(\omega t) - \gamma \left(\epsilon \cos(\omega t) Y + \frac{1-\epsilon^2 \cos^2(\omega t)}{2} Z \right) Y$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}Z = \Delta \sin \beta Y + \gamma \left(\frac{1-\epsilon^2 \cos^2(\omega t)}{2} \right) - \gamma \left(\epsilon \cos(\omega t) Y + \frac{1-\epsilon^2 \cos^2(\omega t)}{2} Z \right) Z$$

For $|\Delta| < \frac{\gamma}{2}$ and $0 < \epsilon \ll 1$, the above time-periodic nonlinear system admits a **quasi-global asymptotically stable periodic orbit** (proof: Poincaré-Bendixon with $\epsilon = 0$ and averaging using $\omega \gg \gamma$).

This periodic orbit reads

$$(X, Y, Z) = \left(0, \quad -2 \sin \beta \frac{\Delta}{\gamma} + \frac{2\gamma^2 \cos(\omega t) + 4\gamma\omega \sin(\omega t)}{4\omega^2 + \gamma^2} \epsilon, \quad 1 \right)$$

up to second order terms in ϵ and $\frac{\Delta}{\gamma}$.

When $\omega \gg \gamma$, $P_{\text{jump}} \approx \gamma \left(\epsilon \cos(\omega t) + \frac{\Delta \sin \beta}{\gamma} \right)^2$ if the last jump occurs more than $-\log \epsilon / \gamma$ second(s) ago.⁶

⁶Replace Z by $1 - \frac{X^2 + Y^2}{2}$ in previous formula giving P_{jump}

Our analysis neglects the transient just after a jump.
When a jump occurs at t_N , we have

$$\Delta_{N+1} = \Delta_N - K \sin \beta \cos(\omega t_N)$$

and its probability was proportional to $\left(\epsilon \cos(\omega t_N) + \frac{\Delta_N \sin \beta}{\gamma}\right)^2$.
The phase $\varphi = \omega t_N$ can be seen as a stochastic variable in $[0, 2\pi]$ with the following probability density $P_{\Delta_N}(\varphi)$ on $[0, 2\pi]$:

$$P_{\Delta_N}(\varphi) = \frac{\left(\epsilon \cos(\varphi) + \frac{\Delta_N \sin \beta}{\gamma}\right)^2}{2\pi \left(\frac{\epsilon^2}{2} + \frac{\Delta_N^2 \sin^2 \beta}{\gamma^2}\right)}$$

The de-tuning update is thus a **discrete-time stochastic process**

$$\Delta_{N+1} = \Delta_N - K \sin \beta \cos \varphi$$

where the probability of $\varphi \in [0, 2\pi]$ depends on Δ_N .

We assume here $|\Delta| \ll \epsilon\gamma$ (remember $\gamma \ll \omega \ll \Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2$):

$$\Delta_{N+1} = \Delta_N - K \sin \beta \cos \varphi$$

with φ of probability density $P_{\Delta_N}(\varphi) \approx \frac{\cos^2 \varphi}{\pi} + 2 \frac{\Delta_N \sin \beta}{\pi \epsilon \gamma} \cos \varphi$.
Simple computations yield to⁷

$$\mathbb{E}(\Delta_{N+1} / \Delta_N) = \left(1 - \frac{2K \sin^2 \beta}{\epsilon \gamma}\right) \Delta_N$$

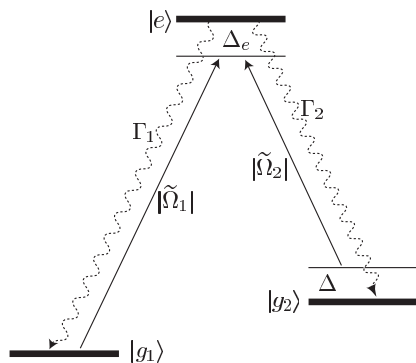
For $0 < K \leq \frac{\epsilon \gamma}{\sin^2 \beta}$, $E(\Delta_N)$ tends to zero.

Similarly, we have

$$\mathbb{E}(\Delta_{N+1}^2 / \Delta_N) = \left(1 - \frac{4K \sin^2 \beta}{\epsilon \gamma}\right) \Delta_N^2 + \frac{3K^2 \sin^2 \beta}{8}$$

For $0 < K \leq \frac{\epsilon \gamma}{2 \sin^2 \beta}$, $E(\Delta_N^2)$ converges to $\sigma_K^2 = \frac{3\epsilon \gamma K}{32}$.

⁷ $\mathbb{E}(\Delta_{N+1} / \Delta_N)$ stands for the conditional expectation-value of Δ_{N+1} knowing Δ_N .



Rabi frequency modulations:

$$\tilde{\Omega}_1(t) = \Omega_1 - i\epsilon\Omega_2 \cos(\omega t)$$

$$\tilde{\Omega}_2(t) = i\epsilon\Omega_1 \cos(\omega t) + \Omega_2$$

with $\Omega_1, \Omega_2 \ll \Gamma = \Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2$,

$0 < \epsilon \ll 1$ and

$$\frac{\Omega_1^2 + \Omega_2^2}{\Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2} = \gamma \ll \omega \ll \Gamma$$

Detuning update

$$\Delta_{N+1} = \Delta_N - K \sin \beta \cos(\omega t_N)$$

with $K > 0$, $\beta = 2 \arg(\Omega_1 + i\Omega_2)$.

A **discrete-time stochastic process** where the gain $K > 0$ drives

- **the convergence speed** with a contraction of $\left(1 - \frac{2K \sin^2 \beta}{\epsilon\gamma}\right)$ for $E(\Delta_N)$ at each iteration
- **the precision** via the asymptotic standard deviation

$$\sigma_K = \frac{\sqrt{3\epsilon\gamma K}}{4\sqrt{2}}.$$

Conservative models (Schrödinger, closed-quantum systems):

$$i \frac{d}{dt} |\psi\rangle = H |\psi\rangle, \quad \frac{d}{dt} \rho = -i[H, \rho]$$

showing that $|\psi\rangle_t = U_t |\psi\rangle_0$ and $\rho_t = U_t \rho_0 U_t^\dagger$ with propagator U_t defined by $i \frac{d}{dt} U = HU$, $U_0 = \mathbf{1}$.

- $H = H_0 + \sum_k u_k H_k$: controllability (Lie algebra in finite dimension, importance of the spectrum in infinite dimension, Law-Eberly method), optimal control (minimum time in finite dimension only).
- Widely used motion planning based on two approximations: RWA; adiabatic invariance (robustness).
- Non commutative calculus with operators (Bra, Ket and Dirac notations).
- Key issues attached to composite systems (tensor product). Two classes of important subsystems: finite-dimensional ones (2-level, Bloch sphere, Pauli matrices); infinite dimensional ones (harmonic oscillator, annihilation operator).

Discrete-time models are Markov chains

$$\rho_{k+1} = \frac{1}{p_\nu(\rho_k)} M_\nu \rho_k M_\nu^\dagger \quad \text{with proba.} \quad p_\nu(\rho_k) = \text{Tr}(M_\nu \rho_k M_\nu^\dagger)$$

associated to Kraus maps (ensemble average, open-quantum channel maps)

$$\mathbb{E}(\rho_{k+1}/\rho_k) = K(\rho_k) = \sum_\nu M_\nu \rho_k M_\nu^\dagger \quad \text{with} \quad \sum_\nu M_\nu^\dagger M_\nu = \mathbf{1}$$

Continuous-time models are stochastic differential systems

$$d\rho = -i[H, \rho]dt + \sum_\nu \text{Tr}(L_\nu \rho L_\nu^\dagger) \rho dt - \frac{1}{2}(L_\nu^\dagger L_\nu \rho + \rho L_\nu^\dagger L_\nu) dt + \left(\frac{L_\nu \rho L_\nu^\dagger}{\text{Tr}(L_\nu \rho L_\nu^\dagger)} - \rho \right) dN_t^\nu$$

driven by Poisson processes dN_t^ν with $\mathbb{E}(dN_t^\nu) = \text{Tr}(L_\nu \rho L_\nu^\dagger) dt$ (possible approximations by Wiener processes) and associated to Lindblad master equations:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \rho = -i[H, \rho] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_\nu (2L_\nu \rho L_\nu^\dagger - L_\nu^\dagger L_\nu \rho - \rho L_\nu^\dagger L_\nu),$$

Ensemble and average dynamics (Kraus maps (discrete-time) or Lindblad equations (continuous-time)):

- Stability induces by **contraction** (nuclear norm or fidelity).
- **Decoherence free spaces**: Ω -limits are affine spaces; they can be reduced to a point (**pointer-states**); design of M_ν and L_ν to achieve convergence towards prescribed affine spaces (**reservoir engineering**, QND measurements, ...).

Lindblad partial differential equation for the density operator $\rho(x, y)$, $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$,

$$\frac{d}{dt}\rho = \overbrace{[ua^\dagger - u^* a, \rho]}^{\text{Schrödinger}} + \overbrace{\gamma(n_{th} + 1)\mathbb{D}[a](\rho)}^{\text{cavity decay}} + \overbrace{\gamma n_{th}\mathbb{D}[a^\dagger](\rho)}^{\text{thermal photon}}$$

where $\mathbb{D}[L](\rho) = \left(L\rho L^\dagger - \frac{L^\dagger L\rho + \rho L^\dagger L}{2} \right)$. It describes a quantized field trapped inside a finite fitness cavity (decay time $1/\gamma$), subject to a coherent excitation of amplitude $u \in \mathbb{C}$ and an incoherent coupling to a thermal field with $n_{th} \geq 0$ average photons .

Markov chain (discrete-time) or SDE (continuous time):

- **Quantum filters** provides $\hat{\rho}$, a real-time estimation of the state ρ based on measurements outcomes (in the ideal case $F(\rho, \hat{\rho})$ is sub-martingale).
- **Feedback stabilization** towards a goal pure state $\bar{\rho}$: $u(\rho)$ based on Lyapunov function $\text{Tr}(\bar{\rho}, \rho) = F(\bar{\rho}, \rho)$.
- **Quantum separation principle** always works for $u(\hat{\rho})$ in case of global convergence with feedback $u(\rho)$.
- **Coherent feedback** scheme: the controller is also a quantum system (not a classical one as above).